

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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GENERAL ORDER
DUPLICATE NEW CASE FILINGS

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CLERK, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA
BY: DEPUTY

Electronic filing has led to the filing of duplicate cases through inadvertence or error of certified CM/ECF users. Duplicate cases should not be reflected on the docket due to the serious effects that might be suffered by debtors. The Office of the Court Clerk shall expunge duplicate case filings from the docket. Duplicate cases shall not be deleted from CM/ECF.

1. Only duplicate new case filings shall be expunged. No other pleadings may be expunged.
2. A new case filing may be considered a duplicate when the names of the debtor(s) is (are) the same and the cases are filed at the same approximate times.
3. When a duplicate filing is discovered, an employee of the Court Clerk shall prepare an order for approval by the assigned judge or, if no judge assignment has been made, by the Chief Judge. A draft order is attached to this General Order.
4. The order shall direct that the expunged case shall be closed.
5. After docketing of the signed expungement order in the duplicate case, the name(s) of the debtor(s) shall be amended on the docket to read "Expunged Case Filing" and the social security number(s) shall be removed from the docket. The social security number should be replaced with zeroes.
6. A private Court Note shall be docketed by Court Clerk personnel in the duplicate case noting the name(s) and social security number(s) of the debtor(s).
7. A private Court Note shall be docketed in the remaining case indicating that a duplicate case filing is expunged and listing the case number of the expunged case.
8. The documents attached to the expunged docket entry shall be restricted.
9. The expunged case shall be closed by staff of the Office of Court Clerk using the Close BK event.

10. No record of the duplicate case should be available by a search or query of the CM/ECF system.
11. The expunged case number shall not be deleted but shall represent the expunged case.
12. Refund of filing fees assessed and/or paid on the expunged case shall be included in the order of expungement.

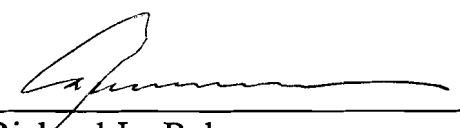
This order shall become effective on March 1, 2008.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

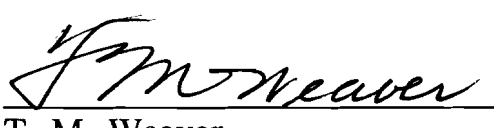
Dated this 13 day of March, 2008.



Niles L. Jackson
Chief Bankruptcy Judge



Richard L. Bohanon
Bankruptcy Judge



T. M. Weaver
Bankruptcy Judge

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On (File date), case number (Good Case Number) was filed on behalf of Debtors (Debtor/s). Due to an electronic filing error, the above-styled case for Debtors (Debtors) was also filed (Duplicate file date). This case, (Duplicate case number), is a duplicate case that was filed in error.

The bankruptcy case (Good case number) filed (Good case file date) by Debtors (Debtor/s) is the surviving and only case. Filing fees incurred for the filing of the duplicate case, if any, are hereby ordered to be **REFUNDED**. Any further duplicate filings by said attorney shall require payment of the filing fee.

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